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CONSTRUCTION WORKS ALONG COASTAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction works in the Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) is banned;

(b) if so, whether the construction work is rampant in the said area;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to demolish/stop illegal constructions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)to(c) The Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification of 1991 as amended from time to time imposes restrictions on certain developmental and construction activities.The prohibited activities include the setting up of new industries, except those directly related to waterfront, the hazardous chemical storage and the dumping of ash or waste.Further,the permissible activities include the laying of pipelines, conveying facilities in CRZ−I area, the construction of buildings, roads etc., on the landward side of existing authorized structures in CRZ−II areas, the development of beach resorts and dwelling units of local communities in CRZ−III areas and the development of beach resorts beyond 50 mts from the High Tide Line on the landward side in CRZ−IV areas. All developments in the CRZ area are taken up in accordance with the CRZ Notification, 1991 and the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan of the respective States/Union Territories (UTs) with prior permission from the concerned State/UT or from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, as the case may be.

(d) For the purpose of enforcing and implementing the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 1991, including taking action against the violations of the said Notification, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted National and State/Union Territory level Coastal Zone Management Authorities under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, which have been delegated necessary powers under the said Act.